

I was brought up to associate democracy and freedom with the right to use technology to copy things that I saw or heard, for my personal use. I was brought up to think of this as a very high level principle, on the level of privacy in my home or the right to criticize the government. I often heard state department people using the example of how the Soviet Union didn't allow copy machines, as an example of a freedom they were denied. I think that the proposed broadcast flag magnate is a step in the wrong direction. Good commerce is a result of our basic freedoms.